

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADVOCATES FOR HIGHWAY AND AUTO SAFETY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. I want to congratulate Advocates and thank its wonderful president, Jackie Gillan, for her leadership and guidance.

Each year, auto accidents claim the lives of tens of thousands of Americans and injure millions of others. Founded in 1989, Advocates brings together consumer, medical, public health, and safety groups to fight for safer roads and automobiles. Advocates is dedicated to protecting lives, preventing injuries, and reducing costs. Some Americans may be unfamiliar with its name, but we all benefit greatly from its efforts.

Advocates works at the federal and state levels on issues such as impaired and distracted driving, teen driving, speed limits, vehicle crashworthiness, road safety, motor carrier safety, and many others. It combines technical expertise with policy knowhow and the passion needed to win safety improvements.

Advocates was instrumental in the passage of H.R. 1216, the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act, which was signed into law in 2008. I was the sponsor of that legislation, and I had the privilege of working closely with Jackie Gillan and Advocates to get it passed and implemented. Earlier this year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finalized a rule called for in the law to require visibility behind new model cars, trucks, and buses—a rule that will save 58 to 69 lives each year, according to NHTSA. Many of the lives saved will be children, who have been the victims of unintentional backovers. Advocates played a central role in helping us avoid these senseless tragedies by raising public awareness, helping enact the law, and urging NHTSA to finalize its rule.

I know that Advocates will continue its efforts to improve the lives and safety of all Americans, and I look forward to working together with them in the future.

CONGRATULATING HEATHER SHAKE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heather Shake for becoming the first woman golfer at the University of Houston-Victoria to earn a conference title. As a freshman, Heather won the Association of Independent Institutions Conference Women's Golf Championship where she posted the low rounds of the day, 75–74 for a 7-over 149.

With this win, the former Dawson High School student earned an automatic bid to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

(NAIA) Women's Golf Championship in May. As only a freshman, I'm excited to see Heather's next accomplishments in both her educational and athletic endeavors.

I wish Heather the best of luck at the NAIA Women's Golf Championship. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Heather Shake on earning the University of Houston-Victoria's first conference title.

HONORING COACH GARY WILLIAMS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Gary Williams, who has been selected as an inductee to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame for 2014.

For twenty-two years, Gary Williams coached the men's basketball team at the University of Maryland. As head coach of the Terrapins, Gary Williams led the team to a National Championship in 2002, an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Tournament Championship in 2004, as well as eleven consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament appearances.

During his time at the University of Maryland, he compiled an overall coaching record of 668–380, led the Terps to seven 25-win seasons with twenty-two appearances in the postseason, and was named ACC Coach of Year in both 2002 and 2010. He was also recently voted as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

While Gary Williams retired from coaching basketball in 2011, we have been lucky enough that he has remained with the Maryland athletic department as Assistant Athletic Director and Special Assistant to the Athletic Director. On January 26, 2012, the University of Maryland honored him by renaming the basketball court at the Comcast Center, "Gary Williams Court."

His hard work and dedication has brought great pride and distinction to the University, as well as to the State of Maryland, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Coach Gary Williams' latest, much-deserved honor.

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, for the time, and I congratulate him for organizing this evening's Special Order Hour on Alzheimer's Disease in preparation for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (June).

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I know how devastating this disease can be on patients, families, and caregivers. The Task Force

works on a bipartisan basis to increase awareness of Alzheimer's, strengthen the federal commitment to improving the lives of those affected by the disease, and assist the caregivers who provide their needed support. I am pleased that Congressman GARAMENDI has decided to take an active role in the work of the Task Force.

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. One in nine Americans age 65 and older has Alzheimer's, and one in three Americans age 85 and older suffers from this disease. Furthermore, these numbers will grow substantially in the coming years. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that more than 7 million Americans over age 65 will have Alzheimer's by the year 2025. Every 68 seconds, another person in the United States develops Alzheimer's.

Caregiving for patients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia is especially difficult. More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care for a person with dementia. Caregivers include spouses, children, and grandchildren. Caregivers face a variety of challenges, ranging from assisting patients with feeding, bathing, and dressing, to helping them take their medications, managing their finances, and making legal decisions.

Last year, I introduced two bills to address the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act (H.R. 2975) authorizes grants to public and non-profit organizations to expand training and support services for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2976) helps Alzheimer's patients who wander away from their homes and are unable to tell people in the community who they are or where they live. Both of these bills have more than 30 bipartisan cosponsors, including Congressman CHRISTOPHER SMITH (R-NJ), my friend and fellow Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease.

Finally, I am working hard to pass H.R. 1508, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp. This bill was originally introduced by now-Senator ED MARKEY, prior to his election to the Senate, and now has more than 40 bipartisan cosponsors. It requires the U.S. Postal Service to issue and sell an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp. These stamps would cost more than regular postage stamps, with the extra funds going to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to search for new treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Participation by individual postal patrons would be voluntary, and only those who choose to buy the Alzheimer's stamp would pay more for postage. This would be similar to the popular and successful Breast Cancer Research Semipostal Stamp.

Once again, I thank my colleague from California for organizing tonight's Special Order. I look forward to coordinating the activities of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease more closely with him as we rededicate ourselves to Alzheimer's research, treatment and caregiver support so that we can help all of the patients and families affected by this tragic disease.